## **HOUSE BILL 655**

## By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-106, is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (6); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (7) and substituting instead a semi-colon and the word "or"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(8)

- (A) An alien unless such alien was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time such services were performed, was lawfully present for the purposes of performing such services, or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed.
- (B) Any data or information required of persons applying for benefits to determine eligibility under this subdivision shall be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits;
- (C) A decision to deny benefits under this subdivision must be based on a preponderance of the evidence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.